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¶1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Norma Diaz, Director for International Organizations at Mexico's Foreign Relations Secretariat's (SRE) Office of United Nations Affairs. Diaz explained that the GOM has no official position on Iran's candidacy for Chairman of the International Organization for Migration's (IOM) next Executive Committee meeting. According to Diaz, the issue has not been raised within the SRE. Diaz said her office has been instructed to support GRULAC candidate Chile for the position. She added that Mexico had no intention to seek its own candidacy at this time. Poloff emphasized that Iran's candidacy would not be in the interest of the organization and would reflect poorly on Member States. Diaz agreed, but reiterated that Mexico would be supporting Chile's candidacy and not Iran's. Diaz said she would gladly inform Poloff of any changes. We will report any further updates as they occur.

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